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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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January 17, 2002

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The intention of this letter is to give my support to the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. The antitrust suit went on for over three years and cost the Microsoft Corporation and the government millions upon millions of dollars.

Microsoft has been a major benefit to the economies of Washington and the United States. It has created a huge number of jobs, and has made our IT industry the world's gold standard. There are terms in the settlement that go beyond what was at issue in the lawsuit, especially the terms that makes Microsoft develop Windows differently in the future. It will be designed to make it easier for competitors and consumers to remove various facets of the operating system.

At the conclusion of this comment period, I hope you will give your approval to the settlement in the Microsoft case. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Brislawn

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